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SUBJ: STUDENT SCENE AFTER EMERGENCY MEASURE

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1. ACCORDING TO ACADEMIC AND PRESS SOURCES, COLLEGES ARE OPEN AND CLASS ATTENDANCE ABOUT NORMAL APRIL 4 FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION OF PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY MEASURES ON STUDENT PROTEST. ONE SOGANG UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WHO VISITED SEOUL UNIVERSITY SAID LARGE NUMBER OF PLAINCLOTHES POLICE WERE VISIBLE ON BOTH CAMPUSES UNDER HEAVY SURVEILLANCE.

2. IN ADDITION TO STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY REPORTED REFTEL, ABOUT 150 STUDENTS AT SONGGYUNKWON UNIVERSITY APRIL 3 HAD AN ON-CAMPUS MEETING BUT DISPERSED WHEN AT EHWA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT SAW POLICE PICK UP ALLEGEDLY FOR INTERROGATION GIRLS WHO WALKED BACK AND FORTH OUTSIDE CAMPUS IN SMALL GROUPS IN SILENT PROTEST.

3. ONE POLICE SOURCE REPORTS 54 STUDENTS ARRESTED APRIL 23, INCLUDING 24 SNU MEDICAL STUDENTS, 12 SNU LIBERAL
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ARTS STUDENTS, TWO SNU COMMERCE STUDENTS AND 16

FROM SONGGGYUNKWON UNIVERSITY. SOURCE COULD NOT CONFIRM ARRESTS AT HANKUK UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES REPORTED REFTEL.

4. POLICE SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF HE PERSONALLY FEARED MEASURES WOULD PUSH FENCE-SETTING STUDENTS INTO ACTIVISM. SAID POLICE EXPECT A PAUSE IN STUDENT ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITIES BUT ANTICIPATE RENEWAL OF PROTESTS WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS, LEADING TO MORE SEVERE REPRESSION.

5. ACADEMIC AND OTHER EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE ALMOST UNIFORMLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WISDOM AND GRAVITY OF LATEST EMERGENCY MEASURE. THERE IS PERVASIVE DOUBT THAT PROMULGATION OF MEASURE ALONE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPRESS STUDENT ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITIES. HABIB

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